



# Maynard Citizens Corps/Medical Reserve Corps Newsletter

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## FARMERS MARKET AUGUST 13<sup>TH</sup>

We need volunteers to help at this event. Set up is at 8:30 AM and the event runs until 1:00. If you can help us out with this please let us know ASAP. We will be handing out information about the MCC/MRC at the Community table. Just one hour would be helpful.... two would be better ☺

Thank you,  
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## MAYNARD ROAD RACE SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup> & FLU CLINIC OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>

Save the dates!!!  
Volunteers will be needed for these two events.

### Questions?

Please contact us at:

978-897-1302  
Or  
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## MCC AMATEUR RADIO COMMUNICATION

We are pleased to have John Flood, a licensed Amateur Radio operator as part of Maynard Citizens Corps and as an executive board member.

In times of crisis and natural disasters, amateur radio is often used as a means of emergency communication when wire line, cell phones and other "normal" means of communications fail.

Amateur radio operators such as John are skilled in improvising antennas and power sources. Nearly all equipment used today can be powered by an automobile battery and in many cases basic solar powered systems can be used. Amateur radio operators use a wide range of frequencies and can quickly establish communication networks helping to pass on critical, often lifesaving messages, especially in the early stages of an "event" until "normal" communication systems are brought back on line.

Each year a "Field Day" is held to practice emergency communication system skills. John recently attended one of these drills at the "Waltham Amateur Radio Association. Where over a 24 hour period operators were able to make contact with about 1,900 stations across the country who were also involved in the "Field Day" drill.

Through grant money, Maynard has been able to acquire ham radio equipment that can be set up and used in time of need. However, as a small town, Maynard has few active licensed radio operators. The entry level license is very easy to get with a short test based mainly on safety and operating rules. Online study and practice tests with the same questions used in the actual test are available to help you get going. There is no longer a requirement to learn Morse code making it even easier than it was in the past to get licensed.

This can be a valuable tool as part of your Emergency Volunteer Skill set so if you are interested or you know a "licensed ham" who may be interested in becoming more involved with this aspect of Emergency Response, Please contact John!

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## TRUCK DAY

"It went very well. The 'Boo-Boo Brigade' was great. Maura (RN) had a stethoscope and listened to dolls and teddies who needed band aids. Some of the children also used the stethoscope. We had 150 balloons blown up and ran out of them as well as all the band aids we had. Parents received info on 72-hour kits, shelter tips and other materials."

**A big "thank you" to all who volunteered!**